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Ms. Judith Espinosa, Secretary  
 New Mexico Environment Department  
 P. O. Box 26110  
 Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Ms. Espinosa:

On August 23 through August 27, 1993, the U. S. Department of Labor Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) conducted an inspection of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant underground facility. This inspection was performed by MSHA Inspector L. R. Haynes.

No violations of 30 CFR Part 57 were found.

For your information, the following inspection information is enclosed:

1. Inspection Information Sheet
2. Pre-Inspection Conference Work Sheet and Attendance
3. Close-Out Conference Work Sheet and Attendance

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact B. Lilly at (505) 887-8136.

Sincerely,

Arlen Hunt, Manager  
 WIPP Project Site Office



Enclosures (3)



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J. Espinosa

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cc w/enclosures:

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P. McCasland, NMED

cc w/o enclosures:

L. Lilly, WPSO

S. Warren, WTAC

D. Mercer, WPIO

P. Wells, DOE-EM

J. Schinkle, ALO-SPD

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

EVENT NO. ---  
 Id No. WIPP

Inspection  
 Date(s) 8/23-27/93

Operation Address:  
WIPP P. O. Box 3090  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Type of Inspection & No.  
R-4-93

Telephone No. 505/887-8100

Purpose if code 37:  
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Travel Area N-12

Company Name: WIPP DOE Contractor Id: \_\_\_\_\_

Mine Name: ---

City: Carlsbad County: Eddy State: New Mexico

Directions to operation: 30 Miles east on Hwy. 62/180 to WIPP turnoff sign.

Type of mine: U.G. Mining method: --- Product: ---

No. of employees: 528 Work schedule: hrs/sh 8 Sh/Day 2 Days/Wk 5

operating official: Arlen Hunt, Project Manager

Inspection Party:  
 Company: Doug Ripley - Jack Gilbert - Jim Elliot

Union: N/A

Telephone no. of union local (person to contact): N/A

Miners Representative: None

Home telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

MSHA: Lead Inspector L. R. HAYNES

Others None

Other personnel: None

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**Type and Number of Actions This Inspections**

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Citations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DEPT. OF LABOR : 8-30-93 : 1:08PM : MSHA Southcentral : DOE-WIPP SITE:# 3

Department of Labor  
**Mine Safety and Health Administration**



1. Date of Conference <b>-9/23/93</b>		2. Operator Name <b>W I P P</b>	
3. Type of Conference <b>Pre-Inspection</b>	4. Conference Format: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. In-person <input type="checkbox"/> B. Telephone		5. Mine ID <b>n/a</b>
6. Mine Name <b>W I P P</b>		7. Attending for MSHA (names and positions) <b>L. R. Haynes, Inspector</b>	
8. Attending for Operator (names and positions) <b>See below</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> A. Advised of H&S Conference Right <input type="checkbox"/> B. Party Status Requested	
9. Attending for Miners' Representative (names and positions)		<input type="checkbox"/> A. Advised of H&S Conference Right <input type="checkbox"/> B. Party Status Requested	

10. Inspector/District Manager Comments  
**Met in Pima Conf. Room / Main Office Building**

**Reviewed: Intent to conduct regular inspection of the entire facility with the exception of office spaces. New Policy -- determine compliance only, without recommendations and suggestions, etc. Recent fatal accident in Potash Basin. Requested that inspection party size be kept to a minimum - Okay. Made arrangements for shaft/Hoist inspections to coincide with schedules and for one swing shift inspection.**

**Pre-Inspection attendance: Fred Ashford, WID Mine Mgr. / Norm Carsey, ESMH-IS / Linda Calderon, ESMH-IS / Carl Cox, WID Gen.Mgr. / Wayne Coplinger, WID-Q&RA / Jim Meshinney, DOE-ES&H / H. Bibby, W-OPS / R. K. Rhoades, W-OPS / Jim Elliot, W-MOPS / Rick Sowers, W-OPS / Jack Gilbert DOE-OPS / James Van Winkle, FAC-OPS / Bob Bills, DOE-OPS**

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11. Citation/Orders Discussed at Conference				12. Results		13. Modification Issued to Change			
A. Number of Citations/Orders	B. Number of S&S	C. Number Identified for Special Assmt. Review	(1) Number Changed	(2) Number Vacated	Number of Gravity Changes	Number of Negligence Changes	Number of S&S Changed	Number of Special Assmt. Status Changed	

Mine Safety and Health Administration



1. Date of Conference <b>08/27/93</b>		2. Operator Name <b>W I P P</b>	
3. Type of Conference <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Closeout <input type="checkbox"/> B. Health and Safety		4. Conference Format: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. in-person <input type="checkbox"/> B. Telephone	
6. Mine Name <b>W I P P</b>		5. Mine ID <b>n/a</b>	
8. Attending for Operator (names and positions) <b>See below</b>		7. Attending for MSHA (names and positions) <b>L. R. Haynes, Inspector</b>	
9. Attending for Miners' Representative (names and positions) <b>None</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> A. Advised of H&S Conference Right <input type="checkbox"/> B. Party Status Requested <input type="checkbox"/> A. Advised of H&S Conference Right <input type="checkbox"/> B. Party Status Requested	

10. Inspector/District Manager Comments  
**There were no notices issued during R-4-93. I complimented managers and Safety Supervisors on their efforts to maintain compliance and asked that this be passed on to all employees. Exhorted group to preserve the level of Safty Awareness and Compliance "Plus".**

**CLOSE-OUT ATTENDANCE:**    **Fred Ashford, WID Mine MGr. / Linda Calderon, ESGH-IS / Harry Bibby, W-OPS /**  
**Jim Elliot, W-MOPS / Jack Gilbert, DOE-OPS / Doug Ripley, UG-Safty / Bruce Lilly, DOE /**  
**Joe Epstein, Deputy Dctr. / Robert Rhoades W-OPS / Rick Sowers, W-OPS / Les Reed, ESGH Mgr. /**  
**John Garcia, N&IS Mgr. / Fred Padilla, E-OPS Mgr.**

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MSHA Southcentral  
8-30-93 1:09PM  
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